

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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FOR: ETHYLENE POLYMER, PREPARATION PROCESS THEREOF AND MOLDED ARTICLES OF THE SAME

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The Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 6 in its entirety and without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims:

--7. (New) A molded articles selected from the group consisting of (a) injection molded articles, (b) hollow or extrusion molded articles, (c) rotational molded articles, (d) film or sheet molded articles and (e) extrusion coated molded articles, which article comprises, as an essential component, the ethylene polymer as claimed in claim 1.

8. (New) A molded articles selected from the group consisting of (a) injection molded articles, (b) hollow or extrusion molded articles, (c) rotational molded articles, (d) film or sheet molded articles and (e) extrusion coated molded articles, which article comprises, as an essential component, the ethylene polymer as claimed in claim 2.

9. (New) A molded articles selected from the group consisting of (a) injection molded articles, (b) hollow or extrusion molded articles, (c) rotational molded articles, (d) film or sheet molded articles and (e) extrusion coated molded articles, which article comprises, as an essential component, the ethylene polymer as claimed in claim 3.

10. (New) A molded articles selected from the group consisting of (a) injection molded articles, (b) hollow or extrusion molded articles, (c) rotational molded articles, (d) film or sheet molded articles and (e) extrusion coated molded articles, which article comprises, as an essential component, an ethylene polymer prepared by the process of claim 4.

11. (New) A molded articles selected from the group consisting of (a) injection molded articles, (b) hollow or extrusion molded articles, (c) rotational molded articles, (d) film or sheet molded articles and (e) extrusion coated molded articles, which article comprises, as an essential component, an ethylene polymer prepared by the process of claim 5.--

REMARKS

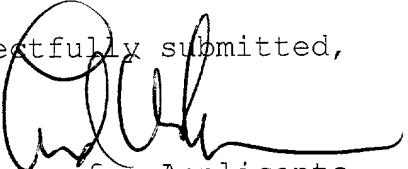
Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claim 6 has been cancelled and new claims 7-11 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-11 are pending in this application.

Claim 6 has been cancelled to eliminate improper multiple dependencies. New claims 7-11 correspond to claim 6, rewritten in proper single dependent form.

No new matter has been added and applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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